

*It's time that you cleaned up your act!* Huh?! That idiom means to STOP doing naughty things, and to START doing nice things! What am I talking about? Let's see how you do it, first!

1. Click on, drag, and drop these pictures into their right places in a sentence in English.\*



\*P.S., if the pictures bounce back, try dropping them in the upper left hand corner of the boxes!

2. Now write this out (ungraded): \_\_\_\_\_

**Do these before going ahead!**

Now click on these words, drag them to the spot where you think they should be, & drop them.

3.      cats              lot              Star              loves              a

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4.            saw              Saturday              Sara              3              on              films

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5.      go              too              I              to              want

                  ,       .



6. So, what do you think is naughty and what is nice in these sentences? Click on the pull-down menu, and choose the correct answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes ... I want you, no, I **NEED** you to **STOP** putting stuff\* between the verb and the **WHO** or the **WHAT** that are the **OBJECTS** of the verb. ... You **CAN** do this! (with a little practice ☺) \*except "not" and, for example, prepositions in phrasal verbs!



"What are the **RULES?**" To explore them more in depth, you can do my other "Word Order" tasks. For right now, make your (and my) life easier, and just put the **OBJECT** (the **WHO** or the **WHAT**) **RIGHT AFTER the VERB!** Here are some typical examples! **PAY ATTENTION** to **WHERE** the **KINDS** of words go!

**DIRECT OBJECT FIRST (get into the habit of doing it this way with most verbs because it's necessary when both the direct and the indirect objects are pronouns!)**

I like giving flowers to her punctually at her house at noon. (*end position adverbs: manner ⇨ place ⇨ time*)

You can pick hints up for him, easily. / You can pick up hints for him, easily. (*with SOME p-verbs, you decide*)

My assistant gives the report to you punctually in your office every week.

**INDIRECT OBJECT FIRST (confession: It's true that we often do it this way, too)**

I like giving her flowers punctually at her house at noon. (*see other tasks for more practice with adverbs!*)

You can pick him up hints, easily. (NO: "You can pick up him hints, easily." *Learn this verb by verb.*)

My assistant gives you the report punctually in your office every week.



7. WRITE your own (ungraded): \_\_\_\_\_

[WORD ORDER\_Clean up your act with who or what ... by S. Meyer for her sweet ESL students]

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